MAYMESTER 2020

ACCEPTANCE PACKET

Montpellier, France

Transport Phenomena in Living Systems

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THE PROGRAM

Details to know
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BME 353
Cross-lists ME 379M

• IEE will work with the academic departments to register students.
• Ensure any bars are taken care of to prevent registration issues.

~$5300 (TBD)
PROGRAM FEE
INCLUDES

• Program start date (arrive in France): May 24
• Program end date (check out of housing; depart from France): June 27 (subject to change by a day; TBD)
• Flight purchase details and arrival/departure instructions will be provided in January
  o Do not purchase your flight until you receive this information from the program coordinator

• Homestay w/ breakfasts and dinners
• Welcome and farewell dinners
• Survival French lessons
• 2 day trips
• 2 cultural activities
• Local transportation pass
• On-site 24/7 support
**PROGRAM FEE EXCLUDES**

- International airfare
- International health insurance
- Passport / visa (where applicable)
- Lunches
- International phone plan
- Textbook and materials
- Personal expenses

**HOUSING**

Homestays are vetted and selected by a partner institution to University of Montpellier. The homestay includes a private room; 2 UT students per homestay.

French is not required for a homestay placement.

Additional details to be provided.

**MEALS**

- Daily breakfast and dinner at homestays
- A lunch & dinner and a farewell dinner
**ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS**

- 2 days trips
  - Saragou
  - Nimes
- 2 cultural visits
  - Montpellier
  - Maguelone

(locations subject to change)

**TRANSPORTATION**

Students arrange their own international flight upon receiving specific instructions from the program coordinator.

During the program, most local travel is by walking or public transportation.

Additional details will be provided at a pre-departure orientation.

**OVERSEAS INSURANCE PACKAGE**

UT International Office will enroll you in overseas insurance, which includes international health insurance provided by ACE/Chubb, International SOS (ISOS) assistance coverage, and general liability coverage. The $19 per week fee, charged as “International Office” on What I Owe, is due at least 10 days prior to the program start date. Overseas insurance is required of all students, regardless of other insurance coverage or nationality. Coverage begins 2 weeks before the program start date and ends 2 weeks after program end date. (These extra 4 weeks are at no charge to the student).
There will be a Kick Off celebration for accepted students in November. There will be two pre-departure orientations in the spring.

Once announced, students must plan accordingly and make appropriate arrangements to ensure attendance.

PASSPORTS & VISAS
(If you are traveling to other countries, check the corresponding entry requirements!)

After acceptance into the program, a health clearance is required by March 1. A physical at UHS costs ~$70. An additional approval is required if seeing a specialist for a physical condition, mental health, etc. Discuss questions or concerns about any current prescriptions or medical treatment you are currently receiving and considerations for travel abroad with your physician. Ensure routine vaccinations are up-to-date and determined if additional vaccinations are required.

You must have a valid passport to travel abroad. U.S. citizens do not need to apply for a visa for the program. Non-U.S. citizens may need a visa for entry into the France. Please visit the France embassy website:

All passports must be valid for 3 months beyond the duration of stay (a minimum of 6 months is recommended and may be required by other countries) and have minimum 1 blank page for entry to France. (A 12-page U.S. emergency passport is not valid for visa-free entry into France.)
HOST INSTITUTION

UT partner and program provider is University of Montpellier and their Polytech FLOW Summer School. With UT, these organizations collaborate to organize program logistics and homestay placements, and serve as a local 24/7 emergency contacts.

Classes will be held at the University of Montpellier.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

Complete forms and modules in MySAO by December 10th. Complete requirements for passport, airfare, and health clearance by March 1st. (Passport details and flight information must be added to MySAO by March 1st.)

PHONES

Apps (such as What’s App) allow texting and phone calls abroad. While these can be used with wifi access, an international phone plan on your U.S. phone is required. A plan should include data, texts and the option to make a local or international call, so you have various options for communication in the event of an emergency or urgent situation.

Please contact your cell phone carrier/service providers, or visit their website for more information. Your plan should be active at a minimum for the duration of the program.
Think about the environment you will be living and studying in, class schedule, etc. Are there academic accommodations you will need abroad? After you’re accepted into the program, talk to the faculty director in advance if you are unsure. Register with Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) and request an accommodation letter for the Maymester course if needed.

After acceptance into the program, students are encouraged to disclose information that will enable program faculty & staff to better assist in pre-departure advising and on-site, and to make applicable arrangements or plans. Disclosure ranges from medications, food allergies, dietary restrictions; medical and mental health history, and anything else you would like faculty or staff to be aware of. An online disclosure form will be provided in the spring to accepted students.

Access forms can be used as a tool for students to help them assess what adjustments or assistance will be needed abroad for a physical disability, learning disability or ADHD, hearing disability, mental health, visual disability, chronic health condition, autism spectrum or other.

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